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FREDERICK LARUE FINISHED HIS TESTIMONY THIS MORNING BY CONFIRMING DURING THE RETRACING OF HIS INVOLVEMENT THAT BOTH DEAN AND MITCHELL SHARED HIS AWARENESS OF A GRAND COVER-UP SCHEME. LARUE REPEATED THAT HE CANNOT SUBSTANTIATE MITCHELL'S CLAIM TO HAVE VETOED THE WIRETAPPING PLANS ON MARCH 30, 1972.

FORMER ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT MARDIAN TOOK THE STAND IN LATE MORNING AND IN A BRIEF STATEMENT AND SHORT TESTIMONY BEFORE LUNCH, DENIED HE HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE WIRETAPPING PLANS UNTIL AFTER THE ABORTIVE EVENT JUNE 17, 1972. WHAT HE LEARNED BIT BY BIT AFTERWARD HAS MADE HIM FEEL, HE SAID, AS THOUGH HE WERE CAUGHT IN QUICKSAND. MARDIAN TOOK THE LINE THAT HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE COVER-UP WAS NOT AS A POLITICAL PROTEGE, BUT AS A LAWYER WHOSE DUTY IT WAS TO SERVE HIS CLIENTS IN CONFIDENCE. RUSH

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